

BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



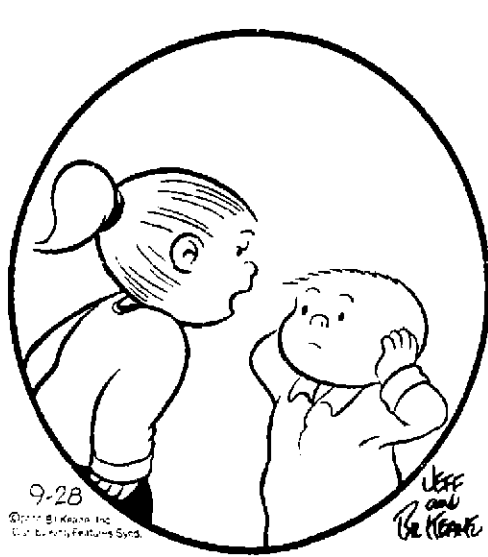
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



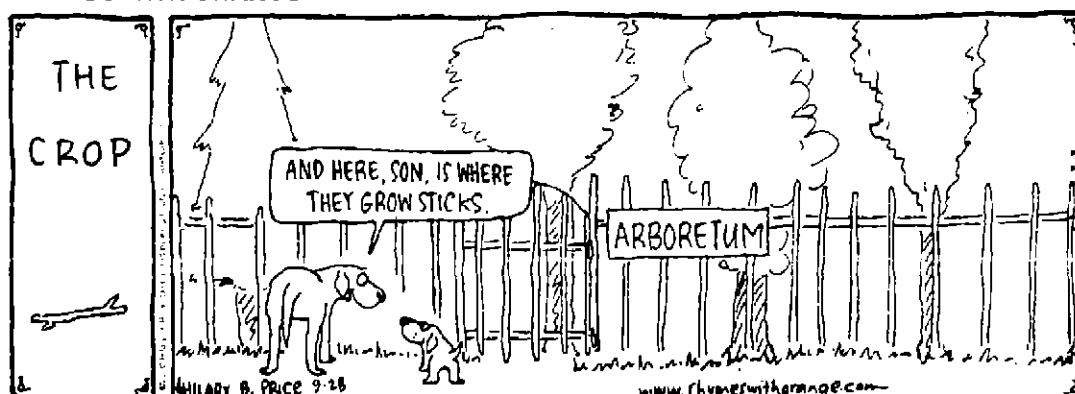
FAMILY CIRCUS



"Sorry, boys, but we're all out of lions and tigers, and we sold our last elephant this morning."

"No, PJ — cover your MOUTH when you cough!"

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Sept. 29, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Getting overly upset about a relatively minor issue could cause more serious repercussions than you realize.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There are likely to be some interesting developments in an intimate relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Relaxation is the simple cure for a lingering health problem.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Should you plunge yourself into social activities, the result is likely to be spectacular.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A lapse in public behavior might cause a few raised eyebrows.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A random event will leave you strangely empowered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try not to be too concerned if, for once, you don't feel like sharing your toys.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Someone will notice, and appreciate, one of your many hidden talents.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You will be forced to accept circumstances beyond your control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You will be in a position to harness the powerful force of your optimism.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Friends who know how to read your mood will be happy to leave you alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you never thought of yourself as an artist, think again. An unexpected encounter will unleash more creativity than you ever dreamed you possessed.

RALPH



"I guess this is the sign that guy who gave us the directions said we couldn't miss."

WORD SLEUTH

WORLD SERIES HIT LEADERS

K X V S P N K I F C A E X V S
Q O L J H E C A X N V L T R P
N L J H F D A B O Y X T D V T
R P R I C H A R D S O N L O M
K I G E D B W Z R R X A A W U
T H R Q O O N R G E A M G L R
J B C I K H E I G F B W U D E
C A A S T D R I Z Z U T O Y E
X W V U I H T Y E K C I D H S
S R R N E R S N I L L O C P E
O N S G L R F O I G G A M I D

Wednesday's unlisted clue: HURRAH
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: YOGI

Bauer Collins Dickey DiMaggio E. Howard Frisch Gehrig Mantle McDougald Reese Richardson Rizzuto Ruth Skowron Snider

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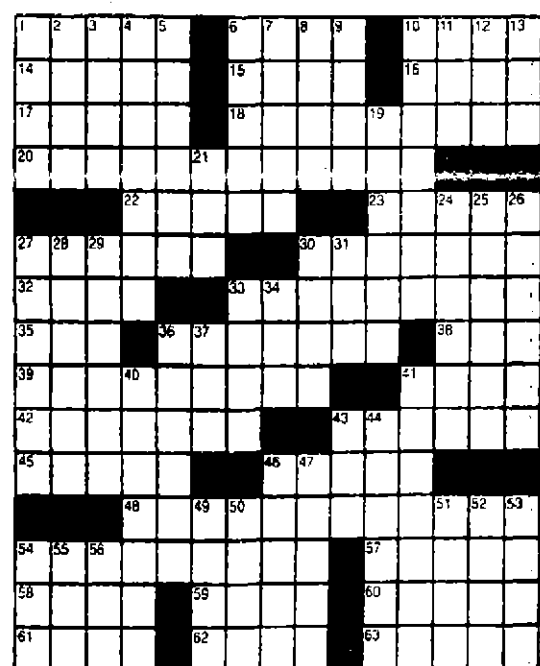
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0817

- ACROSS**
- They may be out on a limb
 - After the hour
 - Have no truck with
 - On the ball
 - Capital captured by the Germans 4/9/40
 - Bishop of Rome
 - Sylvester's "Rocky" co-star
 - Most close
 - Plan B
 - "When you get (parent's reply)
 - Russian retreat
 - Formed fuzzballs
 - Kind of needle
 - In the thick of
 - Denizen of the deep
 - Place for bacon
 - Airplane maneuverer
 - Guitarist Pauli
 - A toddler may go on one
 - Lincoln picture site
 - Get ready for a comeback tour
 - Doesn't hold back
 - Captain Hull, known as "Old Ironsides"
 - Maintenance mate
 - Football play
 - Act of betrayal
 - Gen. Powell
 - Enchanted prince, perhaps
 - Skip
 - Electronic game pioneer
 - Where to wear a genouillière
 - Gets the picture
 - Conviction
- DOWN**
- Abbr. in many org. names
 - Carrier to 54-Down
 - Actress Ward
 - Having three parts
 - Clip alternative
 - Follower of tracks, maybe
 - Moving
 - Stitch target
 - Novelist Morrison
 - Soufflé flavorer
 - It makes a row
 - Bull markets
 - Like some prices
 - Founder
 - "How ___"
 - Fireplace site
 - Moon of Saturn named after an Amazon
 - Bikini tryouts
 - Scrolls
 - Some computer files
 - Ancient Romans spoke it
 - Fix

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

UNIV OTHER UGH
ATLAS CROWE NRA
WHEREHERES RAM
IRISES ABOIL
ASSAIL SEALABLE
MACBETH BEHEST
ORALS ERIES
RATE AWILL FRIA
FUNGIT TROLL
HERMAN OTHELLO
EXECUTED ORELSE
NEPAL VERGES
RDA THERESA PLAY
YRS ERRED DIANE
VAT DESKS NINA



Puzzle by Greg Staples

- Letter on some college jackets
- Move after a pique, perhaps
- Club
- High points
- N.Y.C. subway
- Fit to be tied
- Mean
- Abbr. after a name
- Sweet grape used in winemaking
- Count with a keyboard
- Sacks, so to speak
- Win category in the W.B.A.
- Coleridge work
- Flair
- Frigid finish
- Sweater
- See 2-Down
- Samovar
- John

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